



May 26, 2010

The Honorable Bernard Sanders
332 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sanders,

On behalf of Friends of the Earth's thousands of members and supporters, I write to thank you for introducing the Clean Coasts and Efficient Cars Act of 2010. As the Deepwater Horizon disaster shows, new offshore drilling puts our coasts at unacceptable risk.

Until it expired in 2008, a Congressional moratorium protected much of America's coastlines from offshore drilling for more than two decades. Your act renews this essential environmental protection and sets new automotive efficiency standards to ensure that additional offshore oil will never be needed.

As you know, the original Congressional moratorium did not cover all of our coasts. We also must ban any new wells off the coasts of Alaska and in the entire Gulf of Mexico.

We support the Clean Coasts and Efficient Cars Act of 2010 and thank you for your continued leadership on the issue. As this discussion moves forward, please contact our Dirty Fuels Campaigner, Alex Moore, at 202-222-0733 and at amoore@foe.org.

Sincerely,

Erich Pica
President
Friends of the Earth